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H. G. Griffiths-Smith

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Letter written to Louis Palatini.

Refer Jeddah El 256 of June 20 1946 (E 6034/4/11)
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 support or refute story that various applications
 by Jews for exit visas from Palestine were
 held up by Jewish Agency. Amir Haidar
 recently solemnly asserted that 200,000 such
 applications to leave Palestine had been discovered.

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Mr. Grafftey-Smith.
No:15. Saving.
9th March 1947.

R. 4.50 p.m. 12th March 1947.

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My telegram 256 of June 30th last. Jews wishing to leave Palestine.

May I ask whether any evidence is available to support or refute story that massive applications by Jews for exit-visas from Palestine were held up by Jewish Agency?

2. His Royal Highness the Amir Faisal recently solemnly asserted that 200,000 such applications to leave Palestine had been discovered. This is presumably official Arab case and is obviously nonsense, but it seems to everyone's interest that facts, if available to His Majesty's Government should be known.



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Damascus, No.6 Saving;
Amman, No.5 Saving.
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Your Savingsgram No.15 [of March 9th: Palestine].

Jews wishing to leave Palestine need not apply to or through the Jewish Agency. The latter are consequently not in a position to hold up their applications.

2. It is of course true that Jews applying to emigrate are unpopular with the Jewish community as a whole, and are subject to various forms of pressure which may have the effect of discouraging others from following their example.

3. It is difficult to estimate the number of Jews anxious to leave Palestine, but it is probably not more than about 5,000.

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Jews working to have Palestine
transmuted copy of letter from G. G. Friedman
to Mr. Trefler Smith. 25. April, containing
note on emigration of Jews from Palestine,
2/4/47 (E 2244/2244/31)
of March 7.

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Mr. Rennie, Infr. Policy Dept.
News Dept.

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CHIEF SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
JERUSALEM,
PALESTINE

25th April, 1947.

Dear Trafford Smith,

Statements and conjectures are made from time to time as to the number of Jews wishing to emigrate from Palestine, e.g. Jedda's Saving telegram to the Foreign Office No.13 of 9th March. You may therefore find it useful to have the information contained in the enclosed note. It is not exhaustive; there are believed to be a number of applications granted or outstanding for countries other than those mentioned in the note; but particulars are not available.

The information regarding Jewish emigration to the U.S.A. was obtained in confidence from the American consulate in Jerusalem. We have reason to think that a number of Palestine Jews wishing to settle in the U.S.A. obtain travellers' visas to various European countries, particularly France, apply to the American consulates there and obtain admittance to the States against the quota for that country. (The American quota for Palestine is 500 - 600 a year).

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd.)(G.G. GRIMWOOD).

Trafford Smith Esq.,
The Colonial Office,
London, S.W.1.

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The American consulate has on hand 7,600 applications by Jews for permanent resident visas. 1,155 visas have been issued since October 1945, most of which are believed to have been used. Applications are being received at an average rate of 300 a month.

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TO PALESTINE (Gen. Sir A. Cunningham)

FROM R. OF S. COLONIES.

Sent 12th June, 1947. 15.45 hrs.

No. 1227 Secret.

Following for Grimwood from Righams. Begins.

Illegal Immigration.

Information about Jews wishing to leave Palestine is of great importance for propaganda campaign designed to discourage potential immigrants. Information in your letter of 27th April was useful (and is, of course, only being used in general terms) but I should be grateful if it could be supplemented by

1. Explanation of figure of 5,000 Jews wishing to leave Palestine, quoted in Palestine telegram of 12th October, 1945.

2. Account of any measures of intimidation (individual cases preferably) exercised against persons wishing to leave, and whether there is reason to believe many more Jews will leave but for these measures.

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TELEGRAM FROM

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No. New York.

Dated 2870.

Received 10 Oct.
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Immigration of ~~from~~ Jews from Palestine
Tel to G/C Palestine 870/10/10.

Requests particulars of Central European
Jews wishing to leave Palestine in
order to prepare a paper on subject, also
Asks that particulars be obtained from
U.S. Consul General, Jerusalem

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10th October, 1947. R. 9. 00 a.m. 11th October, 1947.

Please pass to Jerusalem and Colonial Office.

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Addressed to High Commissioner for Palestine telegram No. 87 of 10th October. Repeated to Colonial Office and Savings to Washington.

Question of emigration of German Jews from Palestine may come under discussion here on account of allegations made in Arab speeches that considerable number of applications to return to Germany had been received by Colonial Office. The Colonial Office has been asked to prepare a note on this question but it would be useful to have in addition some indication of desire of Central European Jews to emigrate from Palestine to countries outside Europe and in particular to America. We shall be grateful therefore if you see no objection if particulars could be obtained from the United States Consul General in Jerusalem and telegraphed to us of the number of applications received by him from Jews to emigrate to the United States and of the number of permanent residence visas actually granted each month since July 1946. Department of Migration's figures of actual departures during this same period of Jews intending to take up permanent residence outside Palestine might also be of use together with any other indications you may have of existence or absence of growing desire of Jews of certain classes and origin to leave Palestine.

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D. 25th October, 1947.
R. 25th " " 19.40 hrs.

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No. 1993 Secret.

Addressed to the S. of S.
Repeated U.K. Delegation, New York (S. of S. please
pass as my telegram No. 1471).

Your telegram No. 2463.

Emigration of Jews from Palestine.

In addition to material in Grimwood's letter to
Higham No. C.S.371 of 25th June, the particulars enclosed with
his letter to Trafford Smith No. C.S.371 of 25th April may
also be of use.

2. U.S. Consul General, Jerusalem has furnished the
following figures of immigration visas granted to Jews:-

1946	July	70
	August	94
	September	70
	October	66
	November	76
	December	99.

1947	January	80
	February	109
	March	83
	April	87
	May	71
	June	57
	Total	962

A further 3,550 Jews registered on the waiting list
over the same period.

3. 158 applications were made through Military channels
for authority to return to Germany, Austria, Trieste and
Hungary (the bulk of them being in respect of Germany and
Austria) during the period July, 1946 - October, 1947. The
proportion of these who were Jews cannot be stated definitely,
probably the majority were Jews. 36 of these applications were
approved, 33 were rejected and 89 are pending.

4. In addition 390 Austrians, mainly Jews, have
returned to Austria under the auspices of U.N.R.R.A. and I.R.O.
and about 100 under their own arrangements.

5. Some 330 Jews returned to Czechoslovakia under the
auspices of U.N.R.R.A. between October, 1945, and March, 1946,
and it is estimated that a further 150 left permanently for
Czechoslovakia under their own arrangements in 1947.

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